

**Amendments to the Claims**

As noted below, please cancel without prejudice, waiver or disclaimer claims 1-8 and enter the below new claims 9-18.

1. (currently cancelled) A stylus for a pen-based computer comprising:  
a tip; and  
at least two arms.
2. (currently cancelled) The device of claim 1, wherein said arms assume an open position when removed from the pen slot of a pen-based computer.
3. (currently cancelled) The device of claim 1, further comprising:  
a shaft connected by said arms to said tip.
4. (currently cancelled) The device of claim 1, further comprising:  
a hollow shaft connected by said arms to said tip, which is slidable and in which said arms are stored when said stylus is placed in the pen slot of a pen-based computer.
5. (currently cancelled) The device of claim 1, wherein the tip is made of a pliable material so that the angle can be adjusted according to the user's preference.
6. (currently cancelled) A stylus for a pen-based computer comprising:  
a tip;  
a shaft with one or more recesses;  
two or more arms which recede into a corresponding recess when said stylus is placed in a pen slot and said arms protrude from said recesses when said stylus is removed from said pen slot.

7. (currently cancelled) A stylus for a pen-based computer comprising:

a tip;

a shaft;

a gripping area which is made of a pliant material which contracts when placed in a pen slot of a personal digital assistant and expands when removed from said pen slot.

8. (currently cancelled) The device of claim 1, wherein said at least one arm is attached to said pivot pin.

9. (currently added) A stylus for a pen-based computer comprising:

a body;

a tip on said body; and

two or more arms on said body which reflexively assume a spread position when removed from a pen slot of said pen-based computer and maintain a pinched position when stored in said pen slot.

10. (currently added) The device of claim 9, further comprising:

one or more phalanges.

11. (currently added) The device of claim 9, further comprising:

one or more grip pads joined to said arms.

12. (currently added) The device of claim 9, further comprising:

one or more stabilizers to assist said arms in maintaining a spread position when the stylus is removed from the pen slot.

13. (currently added) The device of claim 9, further comprising:

a hinge to join each stabilizer to an arm and a mechanism for temporarily attaching the stabilizer to a second arm.

14. (currently added) The device of claim 9, wherein said tip is made of a pliable material so that the angle of said tip can be adjusted according to user preference.

15. (currently added) The device of claim 9, further comprising:  
end pieces joined to said arms.

16. (currently added) The device of claim 9, further comprising:  
a hollow shaft connected by said arms to said tip, which is slidable and in which said arms are stored when said stylus is placed in the pen slot of a pen-based computer.

17. (currently added) The device of claim 9, further comprising:  
a pivot pin.

18. (currently added) A stylus for a pen-based computer comprising:  
a tip;  
a shaft with one or more recesses;

two or more arms which recede into a corresponding recess when said stylus is placed in a pen slot and said arms protrude from said recesses when said stylus is removed from said pen slot.

19. (currently added) A stylus for a pen-based computer comprising:  
a tip;  
a shaft;

a gripping area which is made of a pliant material which contracts when placed in a pen slot of a personal digital assistant and expands when removed from said pen slot.